



# 16 Shrines of our Lady at STAR of the SEA

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Last week I met with Archbishop Cordileone regarding **my assignment** to Star of the Sea parish and school. I have been pastoring our Parish since 2014, which means investing a significant amount of time and energy into our beloved school as

well. Most parish metrics have doubled or tripled over these twelve years, such as offertory income, parish services and activities, Mass attendance, and sacraments. The parish has become a *de facto* shrine of the Eucharist and Our Lady, with people coming for Masses, confessions, and Eucharistic adoration from all over the Bay Area. We now have a classical pre-K through 8th grade academy as well as a new classical high school on campus, offering pre-K through 12th grade Catholic education.

**Four More Years** My question to the Archbishop was, how much longer should I stay at the parish? I had told him I wanted to take a less demanding position when I turn 65 (in 18 months), but in our meeting last week we decided that Stella Maris Academy in particular needs my continued support for a few more years. So it looks like I'll be staying another four years as pastor of the parish and the school, if some details can be worked out, which I'm sure they will. I'm so blessed to be your pastor and happy with what seems to be God's will for the next four years. Only God knows what the future holds, but we are all in His hands, and we have nothing to fear, for God will provide all that we need on our pilgrimage through this life to heaven.

**Walk for Life** Speaking of pilgrimages, the second largest Walk for Life in the nation takes place this Saturday here in San Francisco. I grew up “pilgrimaging” every January to Washington DC for the annual March for Life, both as a boy from our little farm



The office will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



near Harrisburg (2-hour drive), as a college student from Penn State (3-hour drive), and as a seminarian from New York City (4-hour drive). Often those drives were over icy roads in bitterly cold weather, and I'll never forget the night four of us in a little Chevy Vega spun out on a snowy road somewhere between State College, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. No one got hurt, but our lives certainly passed before our eyes as we saw snow-covered trees, guardrails, and oncoming traffic whirling outside our tiny car windows. Then, as chaplain to Thomas Aquinas College in Ventura County, I would climb aboard one of three busses with 200 students for an eight-hour drive to San Francisco for the West Coast Walk. You don't have to drive eight hours through the snow to get to the Cathedral, where the Walk begins. You can take the 38-Muni, or you can drive ten minutes and park at the Cathedral for the Archbishop's Mass at 9:30am. From there, you can walk a few blocks to City Hall for the Rally at 12noon and finally walk down Market Street, which the always-wonderful SFPD have closed off for us. I want every able-bodied person in this parish to get down there this Saturday! Wear your SOS T-shirt and pose for the annual parish picture at 11:45am on the northwest corner of Civic Center Plaza. Let's manifest our joy and our gratitude for God's gift of life, and our commitment to protecting both mothers and their children. *Abortion hurts women*, and when Mom isn't happy, no one is happy.

**School Gala** This Saturday is the Walk for Life, and next Saturday is the Stella Maris Academy Gala, with Fr. Donald Calloway speaking. You don't want to miss this one either, and you can still buy tickets at our parish website. I've bought a table, the Young Adults have a table, FAASTAR has a table: lots of people will be there. Don't be left out, and do support the best primary school in San Francisco! *Fr. Joseph*

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## EUCARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS:

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions: 15 min. before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm.

Holy Face Devotion, chapel 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturdays, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am Latin. Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

# The Sunday Scripture

**Behold the Lamb (Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1: 1-3; Jn 1: 29-34)** Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, which ended the Christmas cycle. But this Sunday, the second in "ordinary time," the Gospel again shows us Jesus approaching for baptism. "Behold," John says, "the Lamb of God." Behold, my God, my Savior. We hear the priest say these words at every Mass, just before Holy Communion, and we too receive Him as John received Him, in great faith.



## Eucharistic Adoration

St. Marianne Cope's feast day is January 23rd (Roman calendar). She was born in Germany, and immigrated to the United States. She joined the Franciscan Sisters, where she was sent to be a missionary for the leper colony in Moloka'i, HI. Even though she interacted with those who had leprosy, she never contracted it. She made the colony alive and vibrant, and solidified the medical structures there. She is the first American Franciscan saint. She is quoted, "nothing is impossible; there are ways that lead to everything".

Commit to a weekly Holy Hour by signing up at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star) Hours Needed: Tuesdays 1 pm; Wednesdays, 9 am & 11 am; Thursdays 9 am; 10 am & 6 pm; Sundays 1 pm & 7 pm. Thank you.

## FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://watch.formed.org>. Free to all parishioners!

### Born to Reveal the Works of God

On Thanksgiving Day, 2018, Stephen Andrew Pope was born, lived for one hour and twenty-eight minutes, and died. Though his life was short, Stephen reached thousands of people for the Gospel, "Preaching the Gospel always, using words when necessary." Witness the extraordinary life of the infant that breathed life into a broken community, gave hope to the hopeless, and lived the truth of the Gospel with every breath. His life on earth may have been short, but just as the blind beggar was in the Gospel of John, Stephen Andrew Pope truly was Born to Reveal the Works of God.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIAPER DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a diaper drive for the Alpha Pregnancy Center. Please leave diapers size 2 and up in the blue barrel outside the church west door.

VISIT THE 16  
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OF OUR LADY AT  
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Book a tour:  
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# Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/17	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Mccalls Events Employees Int. of Kevin Carter † Mario Bruno
Sunday 01/18	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Catalino S. Nicolas † Mario Bruno Int. of Oscar Tagle - healing People of the Parish
Monday 01/19	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Hope Giron (bdy) Int. of Lisa Loko Suka Int. of Zackary Steinmitz Int. of Aaron Schultz - healing † Fred Durbin † Mary Ellen Jansen † Christine Ann Torres Int. of Thi Thuy Nguyen Int. of Ernesto Lardizabal (bdy) † Gordon Kaercher † Baltazar P. Aguirre III † Benedictus and Susana Wang † Lee Kong Tan and Chin Fun Yeun
Tuesday 01/20	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Ann Martin (bdy) † Louis N. Petropoulos † Ridwan Tjandra
Wednesday 01/21	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi † Roger Mosher (anniv) † Helen McKeon
Thursday 01/22	7:00am 12:noon 6:00pm	† Holy Souls Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family Int. of Kenneth Gibbons (bdy)
Friday 01/23	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Rochelle Farkas Int. of James Ines and Family † Rene Ing
Saturday 01/24	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Paul Wallace Int. of Patricia Wilson Int. of Joseph Martinovic and Family

## Prayers of the Sick

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Alex Tong, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Charles Bolla, Maria Molina, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Jerr Dewey, Maria Bailey, Ronald Henderson and all sick parishioners.

## NATIVITY CAMELMAS

You are invited to spend an evening as a Nativity student at our fundraiser event, **Monday Feb 2**. Tickets \$25, purchase at [nativityhs.org/camelmas-2026](http://nativityhs.org/camelmas-2026)  
350 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA. 94118  
6pm, English Sung Mass at Star of the Sea Church (optional);  
7pm, Nativity Classroom experience; 8pm, Standing dinner, drinks, and mingling in the Gym.

# Programs & Apostolates

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b> Parish office, 415-751-0450 <a href="http://www.starparish.com">www.starparish.com</a>	<b>BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &amp; ALL SACRAMENTS</b> 415-751-0450
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<b>Filipino American Association (FAASTAR)</b> Estrelle Chan 415-336-9193	<b>Star of the Sea Preschool Stella Maris Academy</b> 628-977-4836 <a href="http://www.stellamarissf.org">www.stellamarissf.org</a>
<b>Foundation of Prayers for Priests</b> Carmen Duran   Register: <a href="http://foundationforpriests.org">foundationforpriests.org</a>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate</b> Thursdays 6-7pm & Sat. 10-11am. 1522 Bush St. <a href="http://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life">star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life</a>
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<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Holy Name Society</b> (Divine Mercy Devotion) Thelma Queri 415-751-0450
<b>Bulletin Announcements</b> Ad submissions due by 3pm on Tuesdays. Contact bulletin editor: <a href="mailto:mariella@starparish.com">mariella@starparish.com</a>	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Interested in volunteering? Information at: 415-751-0450 <a href="mailto:mariella@starparish.com">mariella@starparish.com</a>



## Keep Our Parish Prosperous

Your generous financial gifts ensure that Star of the Sea Catholic Church will continue thriving to provide a peaceful sanctuary for prayer, worship and evangelization in the Richmond District. Our doors are open 7 days a week!

### WAYS OF SUPPORTING STAR OF THE THE SEA:

**Offertory gifts online:** [www.starparish.com/give](http://www.starparish.com/give)

**Offertory envelopes:** Cash or check written to Star of the Sea (use offertory envelopes). Place in the collection basket, or drop envelope in the parish office mailbox: Star of the Sea 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA. 94118

**Matching Contribution:** Double your gift to Star of the Sea with an equal contribution from your employer! As 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we qualify to receive matches from companies all over the Bay Area. If your company offers this program, ask for a form to submit a matching request. Contact: [mariella@starparish.com](mailto:mariella@starparish.com)



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(Please add what the payment is for. Thank you!)

## PLANNED GIVING

### ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF FAITH

Consider listing Star of the Sea as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one). It preserves the mission and values of the church in its ministry.

### GET STARTED WITH A PLANNED GIFT

Call for information: **Mariella Zevallos**,  
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Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation?  
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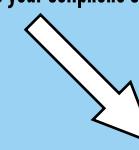
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**SPEAKER SERIES  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
FR. FEDERICO HIGHTON, SE**

**FEB 1  
2026**

**Father Federico Highton is the director of PAX Project. Their mission is to save Christian slaves in Pakistan.**

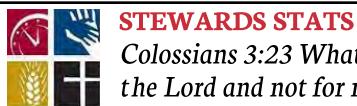
**11:30AM, TLM: Fr. Ravasi, Celebrant;  
Fr. Highton, Preacher  
1:00 PM, Hospitality  
1:30 PM, Conference (in English) by Fr. Federico Highton: **Redeeming Christian Slaves in Pakistan, 2026 (Auditorium)**  
3:00 PM, TLM: Latin-Español: P. Ravasi (Celebrante), P. Federico Highton (Predicador)  
4:30 PM, Conferencia en Español: P. Federico Highton: **Redención de esclavos Cristianos en Pakistán, 2026 (Auditorio)**  
5:30 PM, Hospitalidad (Auditorio)**



**TO GIVE VISIT: [WWW.PAX2.ORG](http://WWW.PAX2.ORG)**



**The Feast of the Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas) Monday, Feb 2**  
7:00 - 8:15 a.m. - Latin Sung Mass  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - English Sung Mass (with Nativity HS students)  
Blessing of Candles at the beginning of Mass, followed by a procession.



**STEWARDS STATS**  
*Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

**Time:** We pray 15 public Rosaries weekly at the parish  
**Talent:** 3 Teachers volunteer for the parish Catechism classes  
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# **Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi Italy Pilgrimage**

**April 13-27, 2026 - 14 Days**

**A beautiful and prayerful pilgrimage with Fr. Ravasi, to the cities of Rome, Vatican City, Subiaco, Monte Cassino, Assisi, Orvieto, Siena, Florence, San Gimignano**



**\$5,949 from San Francisco (round trip)**

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**JANUARY  
24, 2026**



## **22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast**

**Friday, Jan. 23:** Annual Walk for Life Prayer Vigil, St. Dominic Church: Chanted Vespers at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:30pm, and a Eucharistic Holy Hour with individual Confessions from 6:30pm -7:30pm. A Sister of Life will give a brief reflection during the Holy Hour. For more information, email: [walk4lifewc@gmail.com](mailto:walk4lifewc@gmail.com)

**Sat. Jan. 24,** 9:30 am, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, Silent No More Awareness Campaign

12:30 pm, Rally | 1:30 pm, Start walking.  
5:30pm Star of the Sea BBQ, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, after the Walk for Life, (School yard). All are welcome! [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com)  
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